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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 20

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The Chignik Bay and Central districts as well as the Inner Castle Cape Subsection of the Western District (273-93) will <u>remain open</u> to commercial salmon fishing until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, August 13. The Chignik Lagoon markers will remain at Mensis Point.

The Western (excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection) and Perryville districts will open to commercial salmon fishing for 60 hours beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 10 until 8:00 p.m. Monday, August 12.

Fisherman interested in fishing the **Mitrofania Island** statistical area (273-74), within the Mitrofania Section of the Western District, should call the Chignik weir at 845-2243 before traveling to the area.

As Previously Announced:

In the Chignik Bay and Central districts of the Chignik Management Area Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length <u>may not be retained</u> for sale or home pack in the commercial salmon fishery <u>until further notice</u> and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, salmon harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.